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1. A child safety overcap for a hermetically sealed container having a twist-off access closure with a unitary grip tab and comprising:
 - a top portion; and
 - 5 a cylindrical skirt portion unitary with the top portion; the top portion defining at least one internal slot for engaging the grip tab when the overcap is on the hermetically sealed container, and the cylindrical skirt portion terminating in an expandable rim defined by plural dentils.
2. The child safety overcap in accordance with claim 1 wherein
10 the dentils have an inwardly extending bead for engaging a circumferential groove on the hermetically sealed container.
3. The child safety overcap in accordance with claim 2 wherein the inwardly extending bead is situated at a distal end portion of the dentils.
4. The child safety overcap in accordance with claim 1 wherein
15 the dentils are quadrate.
5. The child safety overcap in accordance with claim 1 wherein the dentils are dactylose.
6. The child safety overcap in accordance with claim 1 wherein the top portion defines three peripherally spaced, intersecting slots.
7. The child safety overcap in accordance with claim 1 wherein
20 the skirt portion has a serrated outer surface.
8. The child safety overcap in accordance with claim 1 wherein the skirt portion of the overcap bears a rotary position indicator.
9. A hermetically sealed container comprising:
 - 25 a hollow body terminating in a neck portion defining an opening; a twist-off access closure including a unitary grip tab and occluding the opening;
 - an axially movable overcap rotatably mounted to the container surrounding the access closure and neck portion, the overcap including a top portion and a unitary skirt portion having an expandable rim, the top portion
30 defining at least one slot adapted to engage the grip tab when the overcap is pushed

toward the access closure and then rotated about the neck portion to twist-off the access closure.

5 10. The hermetically sealed container in accordance with claim 9 further including a rotary position indicator on the body thereof adapted for alignment with a rotary position indicator on the skirt portion of the overcap.

 11. The hermetically sealed container in accordance with claim 9 wherein the overcap defines three peripherally spaced, intersecting slots.

10 12. The hermetically sealed container in accordance with claim 9 wherein the skirt portion of the overcap terminates in a rim having plural flexible dentils around the periphery thereof.

 13. The hermetically sealed container in accordance with claim 12 wherein the neck portion includes a circumferential groove and each of the dentils includes an inwardly extending distal bead adapted for engagement with the groove.

15 14. The hermetically sealed container in accordance with claim 12 wherein the neck portion defines a circumferential ramp on which the dentils ride when the overcap is pushed toward the access closure.

 15. The hermetically sealed container in accordance with claim 12 wherein the dentils are quadrate.

20 16. The hermetically sealed container in accordance with claim 12 wherein the dentils are dactylose.

 17. The hermetically sealed container in accordance with claim 12 wherein the skirt portion has a serrated outer surface.

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